

***RESPONSE**

“Build Your Kingdom Here” (chorus) #42 (SH)

**Build your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.
Show your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set your church on fire. Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere. Build your kingdom here, we pray!**

POSTLUDE



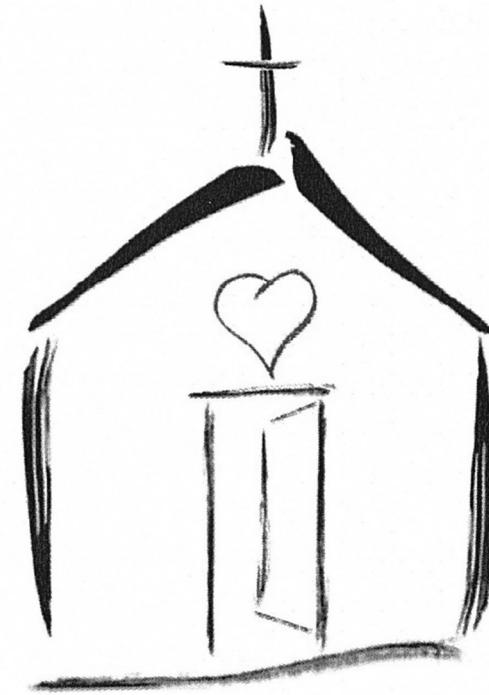
Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here to worship God and spend time with your family of faith. As we worship together this morning, here are some things to know:

- **Children are welcome in worship!** We appreciate their curiosity, their wonder, and even their noise. We want children to know that they are welcome in God’s house and in God’s family. As a ministry to parents, **a nursery is provided for children birth-1st grade.** Children are invited to stay in worship through the Children’s Blessing before going to the nursery. Activity pages and play bags are available for children during worship.
- **Copies of the sermon are available** in manuscript form at the back of the sanctuary each week. If you have difficulty hearing the sermon, you are welcome to pick up a copy of the manuscript to follow along during worship.
- **We sing hymns from three songbooks located in the pews:** PH = large blue “Presbyterian Hymnal”; SF = small blue “Sing the Faith” songbook; SH = spiral-bound “Songs from the Heart.”

First Presbyterian Church

Willmar, MN

October 28, 2018



Wide Open Doors

1 Corinthians 16:9

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.
Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Revelation 1)**

One: Grace and peace to you from the One who is,
who always was, and who is still to come—
the Alpha and Omega—the beginning and the end.

All: **This is our God—the One who loves us, and who gave himself for us;
who gathers us together in this place, and bids us seek his face.**

One: Let's worship God together!

***HYMN** "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" #382 (PH)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah—we know you by many names, Lord.
Your presence fills our lives—all that we are and all that we have comes
from you; all that you do declares your love for us. Yet when trouble comes,
when adversity plagues us, we wonder where you are; we even wonder
who you are. How quickly we forget that you are always with us. Dispel our
gloom and despair. Change our garments of darkness into robes of dazzling
light. Spread your table before us, and feed us from your hand. Lead us in
the paths of righteousness, for it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Even in the darkest valley, we need not fear, for the Lord is with us.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

HYMN "For the Fruit of All Creation" **Insert**

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Corinthians 16:9a
Revelation 3:20

MESSAGE "Answer the Door: A Life of Stewardship is
Answering the Call to the Shared Feast"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER #1 (SH)
Our Father, in heaven, holy is your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today, our daily bread;
forgive our sins and turn us from temptation.
The kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.
Amen, amen, amen.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING "Build Your Kingdom Here"

***DOXOLOGY (sung to the tune of *All Creatures of Our God and King*)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

***LITANY OF DEDICATION** **Insert**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN** "We are Called" **#2172 (SF)**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

LITANY OF DEDICATION

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All: We thank you and worship you with renewed gratitude.

One: O God, you created us to love one another as Christ has loved us. We are concerned about all your children, those who live near us, and those who live far away. We are eager to participate in the work of the whole church and to further the ministry and service of this congregation.

All: We are called to be your stewards. We thoughtfully shoulder our personal share of responsibility, and we pledge to witness to the good news of Christ with our hearts and hands and voices.

One: We are confident in your love and care for us.

All: We gladly give back to our Gracious God our whole lives, our time, our talents, and our financial resources.

One: O God, throughout the ages you have challenged your people to step out in faith and follow you. You have put purpose and direction in the lives of your people. We have before us a new direction and a new purpose. We have set our feet on the pathway. Be our guide. Whisper in our ears when we need to make decisions. Hold us up if we start to stumble. May your Holy Spirit lead us in joyful song and fill us with eager anticipation. You are our vision, O God; lead us on our journey. Amen.

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